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- Local Chinese Communists "were behind" a raily sponsored by the Siamese Youth Association on 31 August at Saranromya Gardens, Bangkok.
- 2. The purpose of the rally was to discuss the return of the border territories to France. The organizational committee was made up of Chulalongkorn University and University of Moral and Political Sciences students, headed by Nai Ruam Wongsebandhu. Although less than a hundred people attended, there was an impressive list of leftist speakers. These included Nai Prasert Sapsunthorn, self-styled Communist Member of Parliament; Nai Dusit Boontharm, labor-organizing Sahacheep Member of Parliament; and Nai Pramuan Kulmat, Member of Parliament from Champorn who has a long record of having been outspokenly anti-western.
- The general tenor of all the speakers was aggressively anti-western. 3.

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comment: It is doubtful if there is any Communist movement in the two Siamese universities or that the majority of the student organizers were aware of the Communist influence in the meeting. It is very possible that the meeting was used by local Communists only as a sounding board for aggressive leaflets.)

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